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HOUSE BILL 1406

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to veterinary practice.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-139(c), is amended by deleting the language:

All veterinary facilities located in retail establishments shall have an entrance into the permitted premises that is directly on a public street or public parking area, and such entrance shall be separate from the entrance used by regular retail customers. For purposes of this chapter, "retail establishment" means any retail store in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet that primarily sells goods not related to the practice of veterinary medicine or any veterinary facility located in an enclosed shopping mall or enclosed shopping center.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.